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SUBJECT: OAU SEC GEN ETEKI'S PRESS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: ETEKI DEEMED SUMMIT SUCCESS AND RESPONDED TO BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS INCLUDING REMOVAL OF OAU HEADQUARTERS FROM ADDIS ABABA, AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, AND PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING LUSAKA EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JULY 5 PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT SESSIONS, OAU SEC GEN ETEKI TERMED OAU CONFERENCE SUCCESS AND CITED AS EVIDENCE POSITIVE ACTION ON (A) RHODESIAN ATTACK ON MOZAMBIQUE, (B) ETHIO/SUDANESE CONFLICT, (C) LIBYA-CHAD CONFLICT, AND, (D) ECONOMIC RECOMMENDATIONS OF KINSHASA MINISTERIAL. HE ALSO NOTED POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN TOWARDS STRENGTHENING OAU MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION MACHINERY.

2. ETEKI NOTED THAT SUDAN HAD NEVER FORMALLY RAISED QUESTION OF MOVING OAU HEADQUARTERS, WHICH THUS WAS NEVER DISCUSSED, AND REFUSED TO COMMENT ON LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN ADDIS ABABA.

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3. QUERIED ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ETEKI NOTED THAT OAU WAS NOT LOCKED INTO WEST'S CONCEPTUAL APPROACH AND THAT AFRICAN APPROACH WAS REQUIRED. WHILE HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN RAISED BY MANY, HE OBSERVED, INCLUDING GAMBIA'S PRESIDENT DAWDA JAWRA AT CLOSING CEREMONY, SUMMIT HAD NOT CREATED AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. ASKED WHETHER, AS IN COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO

CONDEMN AMIN, SEC GEN STATED MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED,
REAFFIRMED OAU PRINCIPLE OF NON INTERVENTION IN INTERANL
AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES, AND REFUSED FURTHER COMMENT.

4. ON POLISARIO, ETEKI NOTED THAT CHEIFS OF STATE DEALT
SOLELY WITH QUESTION OF DATED AND LOCATION OF EXTROADINARY
SUMMIT. QUESTION FO PARTICIPATION AT FORTHCMING LUSAKA
SUMMIT, HE ADDED, HAD BEEN SPELLED OUT IN MAURITIUS SUMMIT
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